

# STATE OF NEW YORK

## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 24, 2013, A.D.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Benz, Orchard Park Chief of Police, retired after nearly 25 years of service; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz grew up in Orchard Park and his dream of serving his community was realized when he was hired by the police department and over the years amassed countless memories of assisting people and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz started his career in 1988 as a patrolman; in 2000 he was appointed a lieutenant; in 2002 he became a detective lieutenant; and in 2006 he was appointed assistant chief; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz in 2008, became Orchard Park Chief of Police, the fourth police chief in the department's 85 year history; and in addition, he would become president of the Erie County Association of Chiefs of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz found being a D.A.R.E. officer a very rewarding part of his career and enjoyed teaching fifth graders in the Orchard Park School system the negative effects of drug and alcohol abuse. To this day, the children remember his teachings; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz received an award from the Police Captains & Lieutenants Association of Erie County for saving a teenage girl's life. She had wandered miles from her home and Chief Benz followed her footsteps in the snow and found her face down in a stream where he pulled her out and revived her; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Benz will be missed by Orchard Park residents, business owners and organizations as "Police Chief"; however, he will always be embraced as an outstanding resident and member of his community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize, commend and thank Chief Andrew Benz for his 25 years of service, dedication and commitment to the Town of Orchard Park as a law enforcement officer.

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John J. Mills  
Erie County Legislator – 11<sup>th</sup> District

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Robert M. Graber  
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County